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Attn: FDA proposed rules on genetically engineered foods.

I am concerned about the possible harm both in human health and in the environment of genetically modified organisms.

I urge the FDA to adopt the strict regulations recently adopted by the European Union Parliament.

Among the regulations, companies would have to apply for licenses lasting 10 years, and pass approval processes, and all genetically altered products would be tracked in a central database that would also mark the locations of all crops. The bill also calls for the phasing out of marker genes for antibiotic resistance.

A second bill is expected to pass soon that would set tough labeling and tracing requirements. All products that contained any content whatsoever of a GMO would have to be labeled as such.

I believe these regulations and rules should also be adopted in the United States. This would help to protect health and environment, and be uniform with European rules. It would also give the public the Information with which to make informed food choices.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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